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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that David Escobar, 32, of Fresno, California, was sentenced on July 25 by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to seven years in prison for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine from February 2003 to July 2003.

On May 10, Escobar pleaded guilty to this charge, admitting that during the time span of the conspiracy he sent four packages of methamphetamine from the Fresno, California area to an acquaintance in Colby, Wisconsin. That acquaintance, Ricky Mueller, then distributed the methamphetamine locally. In 2004, Mueller was convicted of state drug charges related to his conduct in this operation. At sentencing, Judge Shabaz found the total amount of methamphetamine sent to Wisconsin was approximately 77 grams (2.75 ounces).

The charges against David Escobar were the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the West Central Drug Task Force, and the Clark County Sheriff's Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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